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ALMA

Ordinand Retreat starts June 1.

Ordination Date: Priesthood Day, June 16. The diocesan candidates and Dominican candidates will be raised to priesthood on Saturday, June 14. On account of the great numbers, our men will not be given the last of the Major Orders until Monday, June 16.

Mar. 16. Mr. David King (Ore.) took the 2:45 a.m. plane to be at the bedside of his mother in Seattle.

Nine Loyola High boys spent three days at Alma. They stayed at "Tibi Dabo."

Mar. 18. R. Fr. Provincial started a brief visitation before his departure for China.

Mar. 21. Fr. Donnelly gave a Medical Ethics series to a group of doctors in retreat at El Retiro.

Mar. 30. Fr. Werts went to attend a meeting of Theologate Deans, held in Boston, in conjunction with the N.C.E.A. and J.E.A.

Tre Ore Preachers

Fr. Casey, St. Patrick's, S. F.

Fr. Hagemann, Manteca.

Fr. Healy, Watsonville.

Fr. O'Neill, St. Brigid's, S. F.

Fr. Mulcahy, Stockton.

Fr. Tait, Santa Cruz.

Fr. D. Walsh, Los Gatos.

During Holy Week and Easter, 42 priests from this community, helped in different parts of the State.

A group of theologians sang during the Tre Ore at San Francisco Hospital. Dr. Geiger sent a car to bring them to San Francisco and return them to Alma after the services.

Apr. 7. A Regional meeting of the ISO was held at Alma under the direction of Fr. Vaughan. Besides the Alma men, some 20 came from the houses in the Bay region.

The Novitiate truck picked up 6,000 pounds of books purchased in Europe by Fr. Francis Sheerin.

A new missal stand, a hand-made

sensor, and four bronze vases, have been donated by friends to the chapel.

LOYOLA HIGH

During Holy Week many Scholastics as well as Priests helped in the city parishes.

Mar. 20. The finals of the Golden Gloves Tournament, sponsored by the Dads' Club, were held before a packed house in the new gym. Ex-champions and other celebrities were present.

Apr. 17. Freshman Elocution Contest and Gold Medal Debate.

May Devotions commenced in the stadium with the ROTC participating. The month is dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima, in whose honor the students give the talks. The intention of the month is: The conversion of Russia.

Apr. 25. President's Day with a picnic at the beach.

May 12. The Dramatic Society and the Glee Club presented an original Varsity Show: "You'd Be Surprised," written and directed by Mr. Mibach.

The baseball, swimming and tennis teams are heading the Catholic League. Fr. Domachowski's tennis team is undefeated.

Fr. Von der Ahe attended the Boston NCEA.

Fr. Palm paid Loyola High a brief visit on his way from Alma to Phoenix.

Due to sickness and absence of teachers, Fr. Richard O'Rourke invited Fr. Wm. Huesman to take two or three Greek classes. To the edification of the Scholastics and the delight of the boys, Fr. Huesman readily consented.

LOS GATOS

Mar. 23. Debate on the Classics. Frs. H. Walsh, Stretch and Copeland of Santa Clara were judges.

Mar. 30. Br. Kennedy, a Junior, gave an illustrated lecture on the Passion Play at Oberammergau.

Apr. 1. Bishop Walter Fitzgerald from Alaska was a dinner guest.

Apr. 11. William R. Bromley, from the Navy, entered as a Coadjutor Postulant.

Fr. Rector attended the N.C.E.A. Convention in Boston.

The refectory ceiling has been sound-proofed, improving the acoustics for the reading, and making Deo Gratias sessions easier on voice and ear.

Apr. 17. Rector's Day. In the annual Junior-Novice ball game, the Novices won 2-0. Under the direction of Fr. Silva, the Juniors presented "Macbeth."

Fr. McShane, who is to go to Gregorian for a biennium in Ecclesiastical History, will teach German at the Juniors' Summer School.

SAN FRANCISCO

Another stained glass window, this one in honor of St. Philip, has been installed in the Church.

The Novena to St. Joseph was conducted by various Fathers.

Frs. Wm. Dunne, Feely and Tichenor attended the Boston N.C.E.A.

Apr. 16. Father and Son's Night at the University.

Apr. 21. Annual Gold Medal Debate in the University Auditorium.

Police officials gathered at the University for the Administrative School, conducted by the F.B.I. Governor Earl Warren spoke.

Fr. Mei has been appointed Dean of Sciences at the University.

Seb. Passanisi, a U.S.F. alumnus, is head football coach at Sacred Heart High.

Fr. Frank Corkery, Rector of Gonzaga University, gave the Tre Ore. It was extremely well attended and equally well rendered.

Fr. Wilson will go to Georgetown to continue his work for a Ph.D. in philosophy.

BELLARMINE PREP

Fr. Sugrue attended the Boston meeting of the N.C.E.A.

The students contributed \$298.43 to the Bishop's Relief Fund.

Apr. 12. Swimming pool filled and opened for its second year. The pool is complete with lights and filters. It is used by the boarders every night, 9:00 to 9:30.

Jerry Tinning, star of the swimming team, won the 100-yard "Free Style" championship of Northern California, in the San Francisco Crystal Pool.

The new track is being rushed to completion. Meantime the team practices at Ryan Field with the University of Santa Clara runners. In meets with Salinas, Monterey and Hayward, our runners took first place in six out of eight events.

Lights are being installed around the outdoor tennis and basketball courts. From 6:45 to 7:15, the boarders have evening leagues in basketball and baseball.

Our baseball team leads the California Catholic Athletic League.

For May 18, Bellarmine is sponsoring a Northern California Catholic Track Meet. Thirteen Catholic High Schools have been invited.

Apr. 19. The Dads' Club held another dinner meeting for final plans for the \$250,000 school building drive. Fr. Laherty was the speaker of the evening.

Apr. 25-29. The Health Department conducted "Tuberculin Tests" for the students and took X-rays of the lungs. An educational program of compositions and speeches prepared for the tests.

SANTA CLARA

Fr. MacElwane, seismologist from St. Louis University, came to make final plans with Fr. Weber for the August meeting of Jesuit Seismologists. Aug. 17-24 is the date for the Santa Clara meeting. The Fathers will visit the San Andreas Rift, Los Gatos and Alma; the Hayward Rift; Golden Gate Bridge, Bolinas, Olema; Tomales Bay and Inverness, etc.

Frs. Casassa and Pociask conducted another panel discussion on Communism as a philosophy, and its effect on current thought.

Fr. Fagothey attended the San Francisco meeting of the American Catholic Philosophy Association.

Apr. 23. Feast of the Solemnity of St. Joseph, the Faculty and Student Body made the annual pilgrimage to the shrine of St. Joseph on the campus.

Dr. H. H. Skilling, head of Stanford University Electrical Department, and a witness of the Bikini experiment, addressed the Engineering Society on the potential effectiveness of the atomic bomb.

F. Schmidt's drive for funds to save the Santa Clara Youth Center's building, condemned by fire inspectors, promises to surpass all expectations.

Fr. James King attended the Boston sessions of the N.C.E.A. and the J.E.A.

Apr. 1. Work on the new building started.

Frs. Malone and Bassett attended a meeting of the Classical Association at College of the Pacific.

Frs. Shipsey and Copeland attended the Stanford Philosophical meeting.

Fr. Schiffner underwent a minor but painful neck operation.

Fr. Melone took Fr. Hagemann's place at Alma, during a school retreat given by the latter in Glendale.

Three members of the faculty, Fr. Hubbard, Dean Sullivan and Prof. Fuller are in "Who's Who in America."

Final exams have been moved forward to June 9-13.

PARISHES

In April, Fr. Ryder celebrated Holy Liturgy at the Oakland College of the Holy Names and St. Patrick's Seminary, where he was assisted by Alma's Russian Choir. In May his own choir gives a concert for the Franciscan Parish in Phoenix.

Fr. Deasy hopes to start building the new rectory in the Fall. Our parish is to be divided in half, when the new St. Gregory parish is inaugurated. At present St. Gregory's is saying Mass on the State Fair Grounds. Our parish is working for a \$10,000 swimming pool, for the school and the parishioners.

At Christ the King, San Diego, Fr. Madigan has influenced the bus company to stop in front of the church for the convenience of his congregation.

The Bishop has directed Fr. Madigan to make immediate plans for the construction of a real church at 32nd and Imperial, and also of a real rectory.

Fr. Daze is replacing Fr. Madigan for a month, Apr. 20-May 20, while the pastor gets a rest and a change.

Fr. Want of Guadalupe, leaves in early May for two months in Mexico City.

Frs. Strehl and Daze have been helping at the Cathedral in San Diego. Fr. Strehl is still there. The plan for the Camp Elliott School has been rejected at their earnest recommendation. Since then, the Government has been under pressure not to lease out the Camp to anyone.

Apr. 20. First Communion Sunday at St. Joseph's for 100 children.

Fr. McQuillen is chairman of the ISO Channeling Committee, for the Northern Region of the Province.

Apr. 19. Confirmation at Holy Family for 195. Of these, 145 were children.

Bishop Connolly, who confirmed, says that he confirms about 10,000 each year.

CHINA

Fr. Olinger gave the Novena of Grace in Philadelphia, with a daily attendance of 4000 to 5000. There were 9000 Communions.

Fr. Farmer is visiting his mother in Atlanta, Georgia. She is past 88, and a staunch Methodist. In 1901, Fr. Farmer, then a Methodist Missionary, went from the South to China. In 1915 he returned to America and was received into the Catholic Church by Bishop Kelley, then of Savannah. In January, 1916, Fr. Farmer was a Jesuit novice in France. In August, 1924, he returned to China for work in the French Mission of Shanghai. In August, 1947, he will again return to China.

In March, Fr. Thornton gave a mission for the Chinese in Nanking. Our Nanking congregation is growing to such an extent that we have had to move to a larger hall.

Msgr. Brellinger, former Rector of Zikawei Theologate, was on April 20, consecrated a Bishop in the Peiping Cathedral by Cardinal Tien.

Mr. Foley, through the U. S. Information Service, obtained an American movie with a Chinese sound track, for the Chabanel Language School Community.

The Church of the Brethren in the U. S. sent 1000 head of cattle for relief work in China. Chabanel was allotted two Holsteins.

The departing U. S. Army left a goodly amount of supplies to the various religious communities in Peiping. Chabanel got 1500 cases of beer!

Fr. Palm will help for two months at Phoenix. Then he goes to St. Louis and to Nova Scotia. In September, if plans work out, he will start his tertianship at Auriesville.

Fr. Rouleau writes that the Roman Curia has over 100 big volumes of original manuscripts on the field to which he has limited himself, i.e., The China Mission from Ricci to the Suppression. There are reports from Consultors and Superiors, letters from veteran Missionaries, many of them "soli," controversies, etc. Handling these wormy papers is fascinating, but also slow and painstaking work. In various languages, Spanish, Italian, French, Portuguese, Latin, some are written in an abominable scrawl which requires hours of tedious deciphering.

At the Vatican, Fr. Rouleau has access to 44 magnificent volumes of original letters, reports and pontifical acts, dealing principally with the Rites Question, and the two Papal Legations to Peking, which constituted the turning point in the China Mission History.

VARIA

In the absence of the Provincial, Very Rev. Hugh M. Duce is Vice Provincial. May 1-8, He represented California at the Provincials' meeting in Spokane.

Apr. 7. Fr. Provincial left California late at night. Apr. 8, he was in Honolulu. Apr. 10, in Manila. Apr. 14, in Shanghai.

Mr. Smyth is completing his Ph.D. work in History, at Toronto. He will attend the California Historical Meeting in Quebec, and then return to the Province.

Fr. Harry Corcoran writes that he was one of ten priests who helped in one of the Roman parishes with the blessing of homes. The priests started at 10 a.m. He finished at 7 p.m. He gave one or two street merchants his blessing, but had to stop, as they all wanted it. He climbed innumerable stairs in the seven-floor houses. A few times he got into taverns, before he knew it. The customers stood respectfully for the blessing. Besides homes, bakeries, dairies, garages, etc., were blessed.

On Easter Sunday morning, many priests heard confessions from 6 a.m. until 11 a.m. The Easter Communions were most numerous.

Fr. Wm. Deeney's eyes are troubling him. He says Mass with one eye.

Mar. 22. Fr. Hubbard arrived in Manila. He left Ceylon on a British troop ship and reached Singapore. There, thanks to the Navy liason officer who wired Washington for authorization. Fr. Hubbard was allowed to travel on a fast Navy tanker, the "U.S.S. Severn." The captain, Denys Knoll, a personal friend, was happy to extend the courtesies of his ship. As chaplain of the Navy, Fr. Hubbard helped the boys make their Easter Duty. He also brightened things with lectures and movies. On account of conditions in China, it is unlikely that any extensive film-work will be done there for the present.

Fr. Z. J. Maher preached the Tre Ore at St. James', San Francisco.

Mr. Norman Martin in Argentina, writes that his new Fr. Rector, Fr. Herman Rinsche, studied theology in St. Louis, and made his tertianship at Los Gatos.

El Retiro held its Communion Mass, Mar 30, at the Cathedral in San Francisco. The Archbishop said the Mass for 1500 retreatants. Afterwards 700 breakfasted at the Palace. Fr. Guilfoyle gave the sermon at the Mass.

Fr. Jos. Stack gave the 8-day retreat at the Mercy Hospital, Phoenix.

1947 Summer Assignments

Fr. Brennan, St. Joseph's, San Jeos.
Fr. Bain, Taft (May 17-Jy. 27).
Fr. Connolly, S. F. and L. H. S.
Fr. Dondero, Lone Pine (May); San Diego (Jn.-Jy.)
Fr. Donohoe, San Diego.
Fr. Ford, Placerville (May 24-Jy. 27).
Fr. Fitzgerald, Reedley (Jn.-Jy.)
Fr. Monaghan, Tulare (Jn. 4-Jy. 27).
Fr. Mulcahy, U. S. F. (May); U. C. (Jn.-Jy.)
Fr. Pallas, S. F. Hospital.
Fr. Playoust, L. U., L. H. S.
Fr. Solon, L. H. S.
Fr. Stevenson, Watsonville (Jn.-Jy.)
Fr. Tait, Phoenix (Jn.-Jy.)
Fr. Vizzard, Bl. Sacrament.
Fr. Wall, Sta. Barbara (Jn.-Jy.)
Fr. Walsh, U.S.F. (Jn.); L.H.S. (Jy.)
Fr. Aguilar, Guadalupe (May).
Fr. Gordon, Phoenix (mid-Jn.-Aug.)

Philosophers

Messrs. Robt. Burns, Herold and Latham will teach in U. S. F. Summer School.

Mr. Harkin will teach at the Los Gatos Summer School.

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Messrs. T. Byrne and Drendel will see some preliminary service at Bellarmine during the last weeks of school.

With the exception of Messrs. Byrne and Warren, who will be in the Loyola University Summer School, all the new Regents will have practice teaching at S. I. H., June 29-Aug. 6.

DEAD

Mr. Hurst's father.

Michael J. Burns, brother of Fr. Robert V., father of Fr. Robert S., uncle of Fr. Lloyd Burns.

John, brother of Fr. Ivancovich.

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Nicholas Biever, 1st yr. Theol.